

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2010
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Mayor Jeff Robinson called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Kee, Jeff Robinson, David Keene, Brian Leeman, Robert Howard.
3. Consider minutes of previous meeting

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve town council meeting minutes of March 11th and March 25th, 2010 as presented.

4. Receive correspondence
 - a. Departmental Reports
 - Council members received copies of departmental reports and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Department Heads.
 - b. Treasurer Warrant March 2010
 - Council members received copies of treasurer's warrants for the month of March 2010. Town Manager asked that questions or concerns be directed to himself or the Finance Director.
 - c. Letter from Savory Bay regarding household hazardous waste collection program
 - Letter requesting whether or not the Town of Bucksport will be participating in the year's Household Hazardous and Universal Waste Collection, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 21st. Town Manager will be asking councilors to vote on this item at the next regular council meeting.
 - d. Letter from SPO regarding 2009 Municipal Solid Waste Recycling Annual Report
 - Town Manager reviewed the details of the report with council members.
 - e. Information on single stream recycling
 - Many factors affect the solid waste and recycling costs: collection, warehouse & storage requirements, processing equipment & staff, freight expenses, material revenues, tipping fees, and avoided costs. Each of these factors will come into play when we conduct a thorough analysis of the options.

5. Meet with Superintendent of School regarding the 2011 RSU #25 budget

James Boothby, Superintendent of Schools for RSU #25 reviewed the proposed 2010-2011-expense budget in the amount of \$13,574,497 and Adult Education at \$258,661 for a total of \$13,833,158. Mr. Boothby indicated that twenty-three (23) positions will be eliminated, and he also reviewed the budget development timeline for the budget noting that the RSU #25 budget validation vote will be the same as the state election on June 8th as long as the proposed budget is adopted on May 11th RSU #25 District Budget Meeting.

6. Consider Resolve #R-2010-97 awarding contract for transporting and disposing of wood, metal and demolition debris from the Transfer Station

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-97.

7. Consider Resolve #R-2010-98 awarding contract for snow removal for the 2010-2011 season for Route 46

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-98.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2010-99 regarding appointments to the Board of Assessment Review

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Dave Keene and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-99.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2010-100 regarding participation in the Maine Service Centers Coalition

It was motioned by David Kee, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-100.

10. Consider Resolve #R-2010-101 regarding disposition of Tax Acquired Property

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2010-101.

11. Consider holding public hearing on the following proposed ordinances:

- a. Amendment to Chapter 4 Boards, Commissioners and Special Offices
- b. Amendment to Appendix H Sign Ordinance
- c. Amendment to Chapter 6 Business Licensing and Regulations

Dave Keene, Chairperson of the Ordinance Committee gave a brief overview of each proposed amendment.
No public comment.

12. Close hearing and act on ordinances

All council members were in favor of the amendments to Chapter 4 Boards, Commissioners and Special Offices; amendments to Appendix H Sign Ordinance; and amendment to Chapter 6 Business Licensing and Regulations.

13. Consider introducing ordinance entitled "Amendment of the Bucksport Town Code, Appendix K, Land Use"

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by David Kee and unanimously voted to introduce ordinance entitled "Amendment of the Bucksport Town Code, Appendix K, Land Use."

14. Consider issuing permits or licenses, if any

No permits or licenses to be issued.

15. Hear report from Town Manager regarding:

a. Improvements to Central Street

-Engineer completed and submitted plans to MDOT. Highway Department will begin work the first of May ditching and replacing culverts where necessary; and contractor will begin in June. No scheduled public hearing and hoping project to be completed no later than August.

b. Townsite Drainage Improvements

-Funds have been approved through DECD in the amount of \$385,000. Engineer has 75% of the plans completed, and borings are being done next week. Should be on track to begin in July, and plans for the project to be completed in September.

c. Energy Improvements

-Two components to the Energy Improvements: First, all the municipal buildings were audited; and second, electricians were reviewing the work and submit proposals. Looking to take up the proposals at the regular council meeting in May.

d. Silver Lake Boat Landing Improvements

-Two phases to this project. Ordinance Committee along with CEO will revise the ordinance to allow these improvements, and the engineer will be working with DEP. Have submitted deed to VERSO for signing, but have

not received word to date. CEO has suggested taking a look at land north of the boat landing for possible parking improvements.

e. Industrial Park Expansion

-Town Manager received plans for twenty (20) acre lot in the Industrial Park divided into eight lots of two plus acreage each. All documents will be submitted to planning board for approval. John Wardwell is in the process of amending the subdivision plan and will submit to CEO for Planning Board approval.

f. Gardner School improvements

Town Manager indicated that 98% of improvements are complete. The kitchen is all installed; the porte-cochere is installed, but needs to be painted, and the final lift of pavement in the parking lot needs to be finished. The project is within budget and will have \$1,600 remaining.

g. PUC Energy improvements

-The town has received the \$85,000 grant to install a wood pellet furnace at the treatment plant. Will contact PUC for release of schedule and contract; will need to obtain a consultant; and seek proposals.

Jeff Robinson asked if someone has a problem with Central Street improvements, who would they address their concerns to?

Town Manager said, they could contact him at any time.

16. Discussion items

a. Schedule Ordinance Committee meeting

-Already scheduled an ordinance committee meeting..

Town Manager reported that the Chamber of Commerce extends a breakfast invitation to council members, on either April 27, 28 or May 4 or 5th at 7:30 AM. You pick the date.

Council members decided on Wednesday, May 5th at 7:30 PM.

17. Consider adjourning to executive session pursuant to MRSA Title 1 Section 405, Subsection 6 to hear an update on a personnel matter

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to adjourn to executive session at 8:18 PM.

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to return to council meeting at 8:55 PM.

It was motioned to Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to take-up an item not on the agenda.

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to refer issue of personnel matter to town attorney for counsel.

18. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Dave Kee and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary